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Attention

Class of 2020

The Wabash Plain Dealer is launching an interactive campaign to celebrate our Wabash County seniors! With COVID-19 disrupting graduation plans and daily life for our students, we want to do something special to commemorate their hard work and memories. We are posting photo challenges at www.facebook.com/wabashpd and the best submissions will be featured on our website and in a special section published at the end of the school year. Submit your favorite memories to news@wabashplaindealer.com or post your memories and photos to your social media page using the hashtag #WCClassof2020 to participate.

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Holcomb directs flags to be flown at half-staff through Monday

Gov. Eric J. Holcomb is directing flags statewide to be flown at half-staff through sunset Sunday, May 24 to honor the victims of the novel coronavirus pandemic. Holcomb is also directing flags statewide to be flown at half-staff from sunrise to noon in honor of Memorial Day, on Monday, May 25.

Holcomb announces next stage of re-opening plan

In Stage 3, Hoosiers 65 and over and those with high-risk health conditions – who are the most vulnerable to the coronavirus – should remain at home as much as possible. Face coverings in public places are recommended. Hoosiers who can work from home are encouraged to continue to do so. Social gatherings of up to 100 people will be permitted following the CDC's social distancing guidelines. Retail and commercial businesses may open at 75 percent capacity. Shopping malls can open at 75 percent capacity with indoor common areas restricted to 50 percent capacity. Gyms, fitness centers, yoga studios, martial

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NMPL curbside service a success

Total circulations during the first week and a half total almost 1,300

By ROB BURGESS

Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

The North Manchester Public Library (NMPL) has announced an extension of their curbside pick up hours on Mondays and Wednesdays, according to Jeanna Hann, adult department manager and marketing coordinator.

Curbside hours are now noon to 6 p.m. Monday and Wednesdays, and noon to 4 p.m. Fridays.

“The curbside service has been a huge hit with the community,” stated Hann.

Hann stated there were 1,148 items checked out in the first week.

In response to a Plain Dealer request Tuesday, Hann stated in a week and a half they had 190 patrons use curbside at least once.

“But many have used it multiple times,” stated Hann.

Hann stated at that point their total circulations for a week and a half of the curbside service were 1,279.

Hann stated the library also launched Document Days.

“During the COVID-19 Pandemic, the library will temporarily provide Document Days for patrons to get essential documents faxed or copied,” stated Hann. “The library will fax or copy black and white copies only of essential documents, such as government forms, financial documents, school paperwork or other business papers.”

Hann stated Document Days are last from noon to 6 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, by appointment only.



Provided photos

Sarah Morbitzer, NMPL children's department manager, places a completed curbside order on the designated pick up bench.

Patrons may call to make an appointment any time from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday to Friday.

“The library hopes this service will be helpful to all patrons navigating these difficult times, especially those who are searching for new jobs or are needing to apply for government assistance,” stated Hann.

Patrons can place curbside orders by calling the library at 260-982-4773, or by visiting www.nman.lib.in.us.

Rob Burgess, Wabash Plain Dealer editor, may be reached by email at rburgess@wabashplaindealer.com.



The NMPL has six different themed kits that include all the supplies children will need to create art projects, including Paint By Number Kits, Watercolor Kits (pictured), Origami Kits, Threader Kits, Dot Marker Kits and Duct Tape Kits.

Gov. takes action to prepare for revenue shortfalls

The current fiscal year ends June 30

STAFF REPORT

Gov. Eric J. Holcomb announced Friday he asked the State Budget Agency (SBA) to initiate plans to reduce state agency appropriations by 15 percent for Fiscal Year 2021 because

of the sharp drop in state revenues that was reported for April and to prepare for a continued decline in state revenue because of the economic impact of COVID-19, according to Rachel Hoffmeyer, press secretary.

SBA already has initiated actions to reduce spending for the remainder of the current fiscal year, which

ends June 30. Cost savings measures were instituted in April to review operations, space, travel, hiring and many other areas for savings.

In addition to the state agency reversions, Holcomb said the state would not move forward or put on hold several previously announced projects:

- Use of \$291 million in

reserves to pay for several capital projects approved in the 2020 legislative session. Bonding authority may be used to move forward with those projects later.

- Approximately \$65 million in Next Level Trails grants.

- \$110 million of deferred maintenance projects, including \$70 million for state parks.

Manchester responds to COVID-19 with free tuition

Option for incoming Indiana undergrads from families making \$65K or less

STAFF REPORT

As the COVID-19 pandemic poses financial uncertainty for incoming students and their families, Manchester University is offering a sure thing: Free tuition for all four years.

“The Spartan 2020 Response is both part of Manchester’s response to the COVID pandemic and another example of Manchester’s continuing efforts to invest in the lives



KAOPUIKI

of our students,” said Ryon Kaopuiki vice president for enrollment and marketing. Although

100 percent of all Manchester undergraduates receive financial assistance, the University is offering free tuition exclusively to incoming first-year students:

- From families that make \$65,000 a year or less.

- Who are eligible for a federal Pell Grant.

- Who completed the Free Application for Federal Student Aid, common-

ly known as FAFSA, by the Indiana deadline, and are Indiana residents.

Students must live in on-campus housing each year, paying fees, room and board, to qualify.

“The Manchester community has a long history of investing financially in our students,” said President Dave McFadden. “We would not have the Spartan 2020 Response if it were not for our loyal alumni, generous donors and board of trustees. We have a tradition here of opening doors for each other.”

So far, more than 400 students who have been admitted to MU for fall 2020 would qualify for the

program. The University admissions team is in the process of notifying them. Admissions counselors help incoming students identify ways to reduce their costs, such as scholarships.

Manchester in March also decided to waive the undergraduate enrollment deposit.

For information about applying to Manchester, including virtual visits, visit <https://www.manchester.edu/admissions/audiences/admissions>.

Anne Gregory is the assistant director of media relations in the Office of Strategic Communications at Manchester University.

Mural Fest application deadline extended

Artists invited to apply to install public art exhibits

By ROB BURGESS

Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

Make It Your Own Mural Fest, organized by the Northeast Indiana Regional Partnership and Arts United of Greater Fort Wayne, Inc., has extended the deadline for the Artist and Mentorship Programs, according to Kate Virag, vice president of marketing and strategic communications.

From Sept. 8 to 18, regional and national artists will create 11 high-quality murals – one in each of the 11 counties of northeast Indiana. The murals will all be unveiled on the same day, with celebrations and events taking place all over the region throughout the festival to recognize the artists and the communities.

The site chosen for the Wabash County mural was the Selleck Building, 214 E. Main St., North Manchester.

In response to a Plain Dealer request, Virag stated they had not received any entries for the Wabash County location in North Manchester thus far.

“However, we do expect to receive applications for each wall by the time we reach the deadline,” stated Virag.

Artists are encouraged to apply by Sunday, June 14.

Despite COVID-19 challenges, Virag stated Mural Fest is still planned for September 2020 and organizers

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Grow Wabash County welcomes intern Ava Barefoot

She will be a senior at Manchester University in the fall

STAFF REPORT

Grow Wabash County welcomes Manchester University student, Ava Barefoot, to the team as the organization’s summer intern, according to Chelsea Boulrisse, project manager for marketing and events.

Barefoot will be a senior at Manchester University in the fall where she is studying a double major in history and Spanish.

Barefoot is a North Manchester native and graduated from Manchester Jr./Sr. High School in 2017.

“Her interest in the local community developed thanks in part to her part-time

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PENDING SERVICES

Janet Kay Maurer: of Plymouth, has passed away. The family will have graveside services and burial for 11 a.m. Wednesday, May 27, 2020 at South Whitley Cemetery, South Whitley, Indiana. Arrangements by Grandstaff-Hentgen Bender Chapel, North Manchester.

Weekly dinners brighten locked-down Last Supper convent

By **GIOVANNA DELL'ORTO**
Associated Press

In Milan, in the midst of the lockdown to mitigate one of Europe's worst coronavirus outbreak, seven men in their 20s have been cloistered in a 15th-century convent. Nobody was let in, nobody was

let out.

There, where Leonardo da Vinci painted "The Last Supper," the men who are starting their journey to become Dominican friars have had one distraction: weekly gourmet suppers, home-cooked and delivered especially for them by a dad who wants to

bring them a bit of comfort.

"These meals bring the scent of home, of family, and they help to loosen the tension," said Father Daniele Drago di Mondragone, who leads the novitiate at Santa Maria delle Grazie. In its historic refectory (now used as a separate museum) hangs

the Renaissance painting portraying Jesus' meal with the apostles before his crucifixion.

For the past few weeks, just before vespers, Michele Totti has been delivering his homemade suppers to the convent's door.

"I arrive, in a mask, with

some homey delicacies, in big shopping bags, with detailed instructions on how to warm them up," says Totti, who works in film production but has been moonlighting as home chef since he volunteered to cook at a fundraiser for his son's elementary school several years ago.

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arts studios and similar facilities may open with restrictions. Class sizes should be limited. Equipment must be spaced to accommodate social distancing and cleaned after each use. No contact activities are permitted. Community pools may open according to CDC guidance. Community tennis and basketball courts, soccer and baseball fields, YMCA programs and similar facilities may open with social gathering and social distancing guidelines in place. Community recreational youth and adult sports leagues may resume practices and conditioning while adhering to social gathering and social distancing guidelines. Contact sports, such as lacrosse and football, are prohibited, but conditioning and non-contact drills may take place. Youth summer day camps may open June 1. Raceways may open with restrictions and no spectators. Campgrounds may open restrictions, including social distancing and sanitation precautions. State park inns will reopen. Restaurants and bars with restaurant services may continue to operate at 50 percent capacity, but bar seating must remain closed. Personal services such as hair salons, barbershops, nail salons, spas and tattoo parlors may continue to be open by appointment only and must follow social distancing guidelines. Movie theaters and playgrounds, which had been projected to open in stage 3, will remain closed. Movie theaters are now projected to open along with other entertainment facilities and venues during stage 4. Playgrounds are to be determined. For more information, visit BackOnTrack.in.gov.

Laketon American Legion, Auxiliary Memorial Day service set

The Laketon American Legion and Auxiliary will hold a Memorial Day service at 1 p.m. Monday, May 25 at the Laketon Cemetery, 950 N. 200 West, North Manchester. There will be sound effects available for people so they can stay in their cars.

City offices closed, meeting moved due to Memorial Day

Due to Memorial Day on Monday, May 25, Wabash City Hall and city departments will be closed. All offices will remain closed to the public but will reopen at 8 a.m. Tuesday, May 26, for those who call and request for an appointment. The Wabash City Council and Wabash County Commissioners meetings scheduled for Monday, May 25 have been moved to Tuesday, May 26.

Local absentee, early, in-person voting details announced

Any registered voter may vote by absentee for the June 2 primary election by requesting an absentee ballot. To request an absentee-by-mail application, call 260-563-0661 ext. 1238. In-person early voting is available beginning Tuesday, May 26. Wabash County voters may vote at OJ

Neighbors school gymnasium, 1545 N Wabash St. Early voting will take place from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday, May 26 through Friday, May 29, and from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., Saturday, May 30. Voting will also take place at this location from 8 a.m. to noon Monday, June 1. On June 2, Election Day, the only two places open to vote in Wabash County will be OJ Neighbors School gymnasium at 1545 N Wabash St., and North Manchester High School gymnasium, 1 Squire Drive, North Manchester.

Grow Wabash County launching Student Connection Network

Send your job and internship openings that you would like Wabash County students to apply for to chelsea@growwabashcounty.com by Thursday, May 28. To see the full list of job postings from Grow Wabash County investors, visit the job portal at <https://members.growwabashcounty.com/jobs/>.

Contestants sought for the 30th Annual Wabash County Festivals Scholarship Pageant

The pageant will be held Friday, July 24, in the Ford Theater at the Honeywell Center. The deadline for applications is Thursday, May 28. Any Wabash County woman ages 17 to 21 who plans to further her education is eligible. Any woman from 17 years old to those already attending college and is not yet 22, is encouraged to enter. All college-age women need to be enrolled in the college for the 2020-2021 school year. Pageant directors are Kara Fulmer, Patty Meagher, Teresa Ridgeway, Makayla Ridgeway and Bev Vanderpool. Applications for the pageant may be mailed in or dropped off at Wabash City Hall. Anyone wishing to donate toward the scholarships may do so by sending a check to Bev Vanderpool, 73 W. Sheridan St, Wabash, IN 46992. Checks should be marked "Scholarship Pageant." The Wabash County Festivals Pageant is a nonprofit, therefore all donations are tax-deductible. For more information, visit the Wabash County Festivals Pageant Facebook page at www.facebook.com/wabashcounty-festivalsscholarshippageant, or contact any of the directors.

'Seussical the Musical' auditions set

Auditions for the upcoming Wabash Area Community Theater fall show "Seussical the Musical" will be held from noon to 5 p.m. Saturday, May 30, from 1 to 4 p.m. Sunday, May 31 at Christ United Methodist Church, 477 N. Wabash St. For anyone who can't make it to auditions, a special time has been set aside at 6 p.m. Monday, June 1 for an extra audition. Callbacks will begin at 6:30 p.m. Monday, June 1. The age limit for those interested in the show is from 12 years and up. Anyone interested in auditioning should be prepared to sing 16 bars of their favorite song. For more information, call Beth Miller at 260-568-1128 or Bev Vanderpool at 765-661-8206.

Red Cross schedules blood donation opportunity for June 2

The Red Cross has scheduled a blood donation opportunity from 2 to 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 2 at the Wabash County YMCA, 500 S. Cass St.

25th annual WACCY golf outing prepares to tee off

Registration is now open for Grow Wabash County's 25th Annual WACCY Golf Outing, scheduled for Wednesday, June 3 at the Honeywell Public Golf Course. Grow Wabash County has also scheduled a back-up date of Thursday, July 30 in the case that the social distancing recommendations are still in effect come June. Registration is \$360 per four-person team. For more information, visit www.growwabashcounty.com/events, email marketing@growwabashcounty.com or call 260-563-5258.

Red Cross schedules blood donation opportunity for June 6

The Red Cross has scheduled a blood donation opportunity from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, June 6 at Scotty's Bar, 780 Manchester Ave.

2021 spring comedy director sought

The Wabash Area Community Theater is looking for the director for their 2021 spring comedy to be performed in March 2021. Anyone interested in directing should submit a portfolio with their directing experience. The portfolio should also include information stating the name of the play, the plot, the size of the cast, set and prop requirements, and other details about the show. Applications for the director and show are being accepted until Friday, June 12, and can be mailed to WACT, P.O. Box 840, Wabash, IN 46992. For more information, email Eric Seaman at ericcharlesseaman@gmail.com, Bev Vanderpool at vanderpob@yahoo.com or Howard Kaler at gm@charleycreekinn.com.

Wabash Kiwanis Club Pancake Day rescheduled for July 25

After being rescheduled for a second time, the Wabash Kiwanis Club will once again host its annual Pancake Day for Saturday, July 25. After a year at the Wabash Presbyterian Church, Pancake Day will return to the newly renovated Bruce Ingraham building at the Wabash County Fairgrounds, located just off of Gillen Avenue in Wabash. Pancakes, with or without blueberries, will be available, along with sausages and refreshments. Tickets will be \$8 at the door and \$7 in advance for adults 13 and older and \$5 at the door and \$4 in advance for children ages 6 to 12. Admission for the event will be free for children 5 and younger. Sponsorship opportunities for businesses are available by emailing donnasiders@hotmail.com or calling 260-571-1892. Sponsors would receive complimentary tickets to the event and on-site recognition in exchange for their support. The event's Pancake Eating Contest, sponsored by Midwest Eye Consul-

tants, will take place that day at noon. The Club's president, Mike Keaffaber, is the event's chairperson for 2020. Those who have questions or ideas regarding the event may email Keaffaber at keaffaberm@msdwc.k12.in.us.

'Liking for Biking' riding series takes to the road for the fourth year

Through Aug. 28, anyone who is interested in a "free, family-friendly" 60-minute bike ride is invited to meet at Paradise Spring Historical Park's upper pavilion at 8:45 a.m. each Saturday. Volunteers from the Spikes and Bikes Bike Club and the Rock City Bike Club have offered to lead the weekly rides in a "fun and engaging atmosphere." Those interested in participating or volunteering for the ride can get more information by going online to www.visitwabashcounty.com/adventure-series or by calling the Welcome Center at 260-563-7171.

Woman's Clubhouse hopes to pick up 2020-2021 schedule in August

Out of an abundance of caution, the Woman's Clubhouse will not meet for its final luncheon of the 2019-2020 season in June. The group will send the 2020-2021 program and luncheon schedule in August for the new year and they will vote on officers for the new calendar year in September. Anyone who would like to nominate someone for an office should call Ellen Stouffer at 260-571-5339. The group needs a volunteer to take over the membership organization. For more information, call Carol McDonald at 260-563-2331.

Manchester University announces plan to open in fall 2020

In-person classes will begin Sept. 2. Like many schools, Manchester will move to remote teaching and learning after Thanksgiving. The semester will end Dec. 18.

Registration for annual Dam to Dam Century Ride and new triathlon now open

Visit Wabash County has announced registration for the Dam to Dam Century Ride and the DAM(N)IMAN! triathlon is now open. DIM! will take place on the same day as the Dam to Dam Century Ride — Sunday, Sept. 13 — and will incorporate the newest and longest 150-mile bike route, plus a 3.1-mile swim and will end with a 31-mile run. The early bird registration fee for the bike ride is \$40 through May 31, however, attendees can use promo code D2DSAVE10 to save \$10 for a limited time. The price increases to \$50 beginning June 1. The registration fee for the triathlon is \$135, however, participants can use promo code DMSAVE40 to save \$40 for a limited time. For more information, visit www.visitwabashcounty.com/adventure-series or call 260-563-7171.

Downtown Wabash Farmers' Market season open Saturdays through Sept. 26

The Downtown Wabash Farmers Market is set from 8 a.m. to noon Saturdays in the Honeywell Center and Wabash Elk's Parking Lot, located corner of Cass and Market streets. The market occurs every Saturday through Sept. 26. Guests can expect to see a Limited Market Model in response to COVID-19. Some of the precautions include one entrance to the market at the northeast corner, a limited number of shoppers, social distancing at least 6 feet, masks and gloves recommended and a sanitizer station provided. Masks and gloves are recommended to be worn by shoppers. There is construction on Cass Street. Alternate routes on Carroll and Market Streets are available. Vendors are still being accepted for the full season, half-season and one-time rates. For more information, call 260-563-0975 or visit www.wabashmarketplace.org.

Indiana 105 bridge at Salamonie Lake closed

Salamonie Lost Bridge West and East state recreation areas are accessible only from the south. To access Indiana 105 on the north side of the bridge, from the south of the bridge heading north on Indiana 105, the official detour will be Indiana 124 to Indiana 9 to Highway 24. The entire bridge deck will be removed and replaced. The bridge, and road, is scheduled to re-open Sunday, Nov. 15.

Closings announced due to COVID-19 concerns

- Access Youth Center: All scheduled after school and weekend programming is canceled until further notice.
- BMV: The Wabash branch of the Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV) is open by appointment only between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday at 1679 N. Cass St. The phone number is 888-692-6841 and the lines are open from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. weekdays. For more information, visit <https://www.in.gov/bmv/4363.htm>.
- Community Foundation of Wabash County: Individuals with questions may email patty@cfwabash.org or julie@cfwabash.org, or call 260-982-4824.
- Division of Family Resources: Offices closed until further notice. Visit the FSSA benefits portal at www.fssabenefits.in.gov. DFR staff is available by phone at 800-403-0864 to provide customer service from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Clients may also continue to send documents to DFR via mail at P.O. Box 1810, Marion, IN 46952.
- Farm Service Agency: County offices are open in Indiana by phone appointment only until further notice, and staff is available to continue helping agricultural producers with program signups, loan servicing and other important actions. Call 260-563-7486.
- Honeywell Foundation: All

events at foundation properties including the Honeywell Center, Honeywell House, Eagles Theatre, Dr. James Ford Historic Home and Charley Creek Gardens are suspended until further notice.

■ Living Well in Wabash County: The Community Cupboard pantry will operate as a drive-through with regular pantry hours, which are from 3 to 5 p.m. Mondays and Tuesdays; closed Wednesdays; and open from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Thursdays and Fridays. Senior lunches at Winchester Senior Center will be operated as a drive-through at the front door of the senior center from 11 to 11:30 a.m. Monday through Friday. Lunch reservations continue to require 48 business hours of reservations. Seniors age 60 and older wanting a lunch must call Winchester Senior Center at 260-563-4475.

■ North Manchester Public Library: Library patrons may place material requests online on the library website by visiting www.nman.lib.in.us or by calling 260-982-4773. The first pick up day will be Monday, May 11 from noon to 4 p.m. The library will loan out books, DVDs, laptops, WiFi hotspots and iPads to all card-holding patrons. Patrons will be limited to 10 items per car. Due dates and fines are as follows: Books: Three-week check out, no late fees; DVDs: Three days for new DVDs (with yellow tape), one week for old DVDs (without yellow tape) and a \$5 late fee per day, per item; WiFi Hotspots: One-week check-out and a \$5 late fee per day; and Laptops and iPads: 24-hour checkout, \$25 late fee per day. Pick Up days will be from noon to 4 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Any requested items will be available for pick up on the next pick up day.

■ The North Manchester Center for History: Temporarily closed to the public. The Crossroads: Change in Rural America exhibit is available through video on the NHCH Facebook page at www.facebook.com/NorthManchesterHistory.

■ Roann Paw Paw Township Public Library: Curbside pickup began Monday, May 4.

■ Wabash Carnegie Public Library: WCPL patrons may request print or audiobooks by phone or online. Orders can be picked up at the Hill Street entrance of the library. Curbside service will be available from noon to 4 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Orders will be labeled in bags and left on a table in front of the library at a scheduled time. Any orders not delivered by 4 p.m. on the assigned day will be canceled and the items will be re-shelved. For more information, call 260-563-2972.

■ Wabash City Hall: Citizens should visit www.cityofwabash.com to pay bills for wastewater, ambulance billing and building department permits. City court offers pay by phone services. Questions regarding COVID-19 can also be directed to the new email address at covid19info@cityofwabash.com. Anyone with questions should call 260-274-1485 or email mayor@cityofwabash.com.

■ Wabash Circuit and Superior Courts and Court Services (Probation and Community Corrections divisions): Closed to the public Wednesdays and Fridays.

As Memorial Day tempts people outdoors, virus rebound feared

“They forget to wear masks” Schaffner said. “They’re not so keen on 6-foot distancing.”

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Poll: Many in U.S. won't return to gym or dining out

By **JOSH BOAK**
and **EMILY SWANSON**
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Much of the country remains unlikely to venture out to bars, restaurants, theaters or gyms anytime soon, despite state and local officials across the country increasingly allowing businesses to reopen, according to a new survey by The Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research.

That hesitancy in the wake of the coronavirus outbreak could muffle any recovery from what has been the sharpest and swiftest economic downturn in U.S. history. Just 42 percent of those who went to concerts, movies, theaters or sporting events at least monthly before the outbreak say they'd do so in the next few weeks if they could. Only about half of those who regularly went to restaurants, exercised at the gym or traveled would feel comfortable doing so again.

About a quarter of Americans say someone in their household has lost a job amid that downturn, and about half have lost household income, including layoffs, pay cuts, cut hours or unpaid time off. The majority of those whose household suffered a layoff still believe they will return to their previous employer, but the share expecting their job will not return has risen slightly over the past month, to 30 percent from 20 percent.

Amber Van Den Berge, a teacher in Indiana, held off on immediately returning to her second job as a fitness instructor. She would need to pass a test for COVID-19, get her temperature checked each morning and lead class while wearing a protective mask.

"Wear a mask to teach a fitness class? I'm not ready for that," said Van Den Berge, 39.

The speed and strength of any economic rebound could be thwarted because many fear the risk of new infections. Consumers make up roughly 70 percent of U.S. economic activity, so anything less than a total recovery in spending would force many companies to permanently close and deepen the financial pain for 39 million people who have lost jobs in roughly the past two months.

Forty-nine percent of Americans approve of how President Donald Trump is handling the economy, the poll shows. That has slipped over the last two months, from 56 percent in March. Still, the issue remains a relative positive for Trump, whose overall approval rating stands at 41 percent.

Trump has at times downplayed the threat of the coronavirus and the benefits of testing and has criticized the leadership of Democratic governors. Meanwhile, many Democratic lawmakers have insisted on the importance of containing the disease and sustaining the economy with federal aid.

Greg Yost, a Republican from Rockaway, New Jersey, says he wishes the president would defer more to medical

experts, rather than speak off the cuff. But he added that he thinks Trump believes he must defend himself against personal attacks.

"He's between a rock and a hard place," Yost said.

But ShyJuan Clemons, 45, of Merrillville, Indiana, says Trump has made the fallout from the pandemic worse by initially denying its dangers and failing to display much empathy for those hurt by the coronavirus.

"Even my cat knows that he's terrible," said Clemons, referring to his 14-year-old Siamese mix, Shinji.

Clemons works with special needs people and worries about his hours if Indiana — starved of tax revenues because of the disease — cuts its budget.

But it also shows how an atmosphere of political polarization may be feeding both an eagerness by some to return and a reluctance by others to resume their previous lifestyles.

Among those who did so at least monthly before the outbreak, Republicans are far more likely than Democrats to say they'd go to restaurants (69 percent to 37 percent), movies, concerts or theaters (68 percent to 28 percent), travel (65 percent to 38 percent) and go to a gym or fitness studio (61 percent to 44 percent).

Sixty-nine percent of those who regularly shopped in person for nonessential items before the outbreak, including majorities among both parties, say they'd be likely to wander malls and stores again. But Republicans are more likely to say so than Democrats, 82 percent to 61 percent.

Yost expressed no qualms about going out because he believes the economic damage from shelter-in-place orders will be worse than the deaths from the disease.

"What's going to happen with depression, homelessness — a lot of other problems are going to arise because we shut down the economy?" said Yost, a vice president of operations at an insurance agency. "I would go to a restaurant and feel comfortable with my kids and not even have masks on."

Still, there's an exception to the partisan divide, with 76 percent of Republicans and 69 percent of Democrats who get haircuts on at least a monthly basis saying they'd do that in the next few weeks if they could.

The poll finds an overwhelming majority of Americans, 70 percent, describe the economy as poor, but their outlook for the future is highly partisan. Sixty-two percent of Republicans expect improvement in the coming year, while 56 percent of Democrats say it will worsen.

At the same time, two-thirds of Americans say their personal finances are good, which has remained steady since before the outbreak began.

Many families have been able to survive the downturn because of aid such as direct payments to taxpayers and expanded unemployment benefits that will expire in July.

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Disinfected dice: Las Vegas casinos getting ready to roll

By **KEN RITTER**
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LAS VEGAS — Free parking, but no valet service. Bartenders, blackjack dealers and waiters wearing masks. Hand sanitizer everywhere.

Yes, dice will roll, cards will be dealt and slot machines will beckon. But poker rooms? Closed.

Tourists returning to Las Vegas will see changes since gambling stopped in mid-March for the first time ever to stem the spread of the coronavirus.

The stakes could not be higher, said Robert Lang, executive director of the Brookings Mountain West think tank at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas.

"Las Vegas can never be known as the place where people go and get sick," he said.

Democratic Gov. Steve Sisolak has not set a restart date, but could at any time. Resort owners have submitted health and safety rules to state regulators in anticipation of the end to the shutdown. A workshop with operators and the state Gaming Control Board is set Tuesday.

"We all know what we've gone through for the last 10 weeks. No one's having fun," said Bill Hornbuckle, acting chief executive and president of casino giant MGM Resorts International. "The simple idea that I could get out, come to a resort, lay at a pool, enjoy a nice dinner, sit at a blackjack table. There's something to be said for all of that."

Many properties have aimed for a June 1 restart in the gambling mecca closed almost overnight in

the middle of a hot streak — three consecutive \$1 billion winnings. The city had been drawing more than 40 million annual visitors.

Once given the green light, the marquees and the managers will welcome people back to this 24/7 town built for crowds, excitement and excess. But not every resort will be open. Nightclubs, dayclubs and large venues will remain closed. Cirque du Soleil shows will stay dark, at least for now.

Signs everywhere will remind guests of new rules: Wash your hands; keep distance from others; limit your elevator ride to your sanitized room to just four people.

"You're going to see a lot of social distancing," said Sean McBurney, general manager at Caesars Palace. "If there's crowding, it's ev-

ery employee's responsibility to ensure there's social distancing."

Dice will be disinfected between shooters, chips cleaned periodically and card decks changed frequently. At some resorts guests will be encouraged to use cellphones for touchless check in, as room keys, and to read restaurant menus.

Wynn Resorts properties and The Venetian, owned by Las Vegas Sands, plan to use thermal imaging cameras at every entrance to intercept people with fevers. Smaller operators in Las Vegas and Reno will offer hand-sanitizer.

"A gondola pilot wearing a face mask will be on board to steer the vessel," a Venetian protocol says. "Gondoliers stationed along the canal will serenade passengers from an appropriate distance."

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I can do all things through him who strengthens me.
Philippians 4:13

Bill Barr helps write the GOP's 'Cry corruption' playbook

Pay no attention to the man behind the curtain. Attorney General Bill Barr – who famously whitewashed the Mueller report ahead of time and who just two weeks ago dropped the Justice Department’s case against Michael Flynn – isn’t suddenly practicing objectivity.

At a press conference Monday, Barr addressed U.S. Attorney John Durham’s review of FBI behavior in its investigation of the Trump campaign’s 2016 ties to Russia. Pushing back against President Trump’s “Obamagate” allegations, Burr said, “As to President Obama and Vice President Biden, whatever their level of involve-

ment, based on the information I have today, I don’t expect Mr. Durham’s work will lead to a criminal investigation of either man.”

It might sound like the AG has suddenly discovered fair play. Not quite.

To begin, Durham hasn’t even finished his investigation, yet Barr is pre-spinning – he adds that “others” in the prior administration may be in legal jeopardy.

Meanwhile, Republican-led Senate committees are using their perches to investigate the prior administration: Government Affairs Committee Chairman Ron Johnson is probing Hunter Biden’s role in Ukraine

company Burisma (precisely what Trump pressured Ukraine to do that led to impeachment). This week, Judiciary Chairman Lindsey Graham announced a broad subpoena into the the Russia investigation, calling for appearances by Barr and Obama-era figures including Deputy Attorney General Sally Yates, ex-national security adviser Susan Rice and ex-FBI Director Jim Comey.

In short, Barr or no Barr, Republicans are prepared to pound the table throughout the 2020 elections, breathlessly alleging corruption that does not exist.

– *This editorial was first published in the New York Daily News.*



What we lost when we stopped binge reading

Long before today’s coronavirus lockdown provided occasions for the vice that the phrase denotes, “binge watching” had entered Americans’ lexicon. Few, however, speak of binge reading. To understand why this is regrettable, mute Netflix long enough to read Adam Garfinkle’s “The Erosion of Deep Literacy” in National Affairs. He believes that because of the displacement of reading by digital, usually pictorial, entertainment and communication, “something neuro-physiological” is happening to individuals, and especially to the “neural pathways” of the young. And something vital to democratic culture is waning.

Garfinkle, founding editor of the American Interest, elaborates on Maryanne Wolf’s idea of “deep literacy” from her 2018 book “Reader, Come Home.” Garfinkle defines this (or “deep reading”) as engagement with “an extended piece of writing” in a way that draws the reader into “a dialectical process with the text.” This involves the reader in anticipation of the author’s “direction and meaning.”

Few scientists doubt that heavy dependency on electronic screens has shortened attention spans. “We know,” Garfinkle says, “that prolonged and repetitive exposure to digital devices changes the way we think and behave in part because it changes us physically.”

The brain is continuously rewiring itself in response to changing stimuli, and 200,000 years of evolution did not suit it to process today’s torrents of fleeting stimuli.

“More items vie for our attention in a given hour,” Garfinkle says, “than our ancestors had to handle in a day or even a week.” Becoming comfortable

with shallow attention to everything, people become transfixed by the present, unable to remember, or to plan well. He reports that high school guidance counselors say most students lack the social skills to speak one-on-one with college admissions personnel. This, Garfinkle believes, reflects “acquired social autism.”

People immersed in digital torrents acquire “self-inflicted attention deficits.” They become incapable of the “quality attention” that deep literacy requires. Such literacy is, in evolutionary terms, a recent innovation that changed brain circuitry. Garfinkle says, “We are or become, cognitively speaking, what we do with language.” Printed words, presented sequentially in sentences and paragraphs, are demanding, but rewarding: Only they can present the reasoning required to establish complicated truths.

Garfinkle’s surmise is that government’s problem-solving failures reflect not just hyper-partisanship and polarization but the thin thinking of a political class of non-deep readers who are comfortable only with the shallowness of tweets. Instantaneous digital interactions encourage superficiality, insularity and tribalism.

Deep reading, like deep writing, is difficult, hence unnatural. It is unpleasant to those who, tethered to their devices, have become accustomed to lives that are surface straight through. Garfinkle worries that “cognitively sped-up and multitasking young brains may not acquire sufficient capacities for critical thinking, personal reflection, imagination, and empathy, and hence will become easy prey for charlatans and demagogues.”

Modernity’s greatest blessing – individualism: the celebration of individual agency – depends on a sense of one’s interior, of self-consciousness. This is facilitated by deep literacy that, unlike the oral communication

of premodern groups, requires solitude for the reader’s private repose. Modernity, and eventually democracy, advanced through Protestantism’s emphasis of individual engagement with writing – the Bible made accessible to personal reading in various languages.

Integral to liberal-democratic politics are, Garfinkle says, abstract ideas – “representation; the virtues of doubt, dissent, and humility; and the concept of a depersonalized constitutional order.” A society that loses the ballast of deep literacy is apt to become less thoughtful, more emotional and volatile. It will become impatient with the pace of refined, impersonal governance through institutions. It will seek “a less abstract, re-personalized form of social and political authority concentrated in a ‘great’ authoritarian leader.”

Deep literacy has always been a minority taste and attainment, but is always necessary, especially among elites, to leaven majoritarian politics. But because of today’s social-media technologies, Garfinkle believes, there is increased, if superficial and emotive, participation in political discourse. Yet even among young people in higher education, many professors will not assign entire books, or substantial portions of challenging ones.

Deep readers can “deploy shields of skepticism” against those who, lacking the reading habit, are “locked in perpetual intellectual adolescence.” And then? “Populism of the illiberal nationalist kind is,” Garfinkle believes, “what happens in a mass-electoral democracy when a decisive percentage of mobilized voters drops below a deep-literacy standard.”

Garfinkle’s essay – mental calisthenics for a confined nation – deserves at least the grudging gratitude of even the most egalitarian Americans. It requires what it describes – deep literacy – and might be a spur to binge reading.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Wolkins’ example inspired run

I write to thank Dave Wolkins for his 32 years of public service to his district and the state of Indiana. I have always admired Rep. Wolkins for his willingness to listen and stand up for people he represents, regardless of party affiliation. He has fought for lower taxes, less government regulation and common-sense solutions to solve problems facing Hoosiers. I hope his retirement is full of happiness, joy and peace.

Dave’s example is one reason I’m inspired to run for office. Some have suggested that we need a fresh perspective, but I say we need someone who continues to have the interests of the people at heart.

I have met many of you at your door. I hope to see many more of you before Primary Day if that is even possible. If elected, I will have everyone’s interest in mind. I will go to Indianapolis to represent you, the people; not to be a spokesman for Indianapolis or some regional regulation authority. Just as Dave Wolkins was a Representative for you, the people, so will I if elected.

Russ Reahard
Candidate for the Republican nomination for District 18 of the Indiana House of Representatives

Life with Pierre, a diversion

Pierre the cat was a once-in-a-lifetime pet, and some of you will know exactly what I mean.

He is the one you tell the same stories about over and over to friends more tolerant than they should be. He is the one you compare all other pets to. He is the one that makes you realize each animal might show common species characteristics but also has a unique personality.

He is the one you never forget, and can’t think about without the ache of loss.

It might be because he was my first or perhaps because he chose me. He was a six-month-old stray who wandered in from the alley, ambled up to the group of us sitting on the back patio and jumped right up in my lap.

Whatever the reason, Pierre and I had a special bond I have never been able to duplicate. And there is only one way to describe it. I know those of you who go on and on about animal “companions” bristle at the concept of “ownership,” but, sorry, that’s the way

it was.

That cat owned me.

And he did what any responsible cat that owns a person (human companion) would do. He trained me.

That required Pierre to first teach me his special language. It takes patience to make dim humans understand the various feline signals that specify certain demands must be met, but he had admirable persistence.

He was an inside-outside cat, and he had a distinct meow telling me he wanted to go out. It was quite different from, for example, his “move that footstool back where it belongs” meow or his “fill my water dish” meow. It was “mee-erow” and it meant, “Open this door, now!”

He had a whole ritual designed to get me out of bed if he thought I was sleeping in too long. First, he would stand by the bed and yowl. When I ignored that, he would get on the bookcase headboard, lean over and smack me on the forehead. When that failed, he’d hop up on the dresser and start knocking things off.

He developed an early warning signal to let me know a thunderstorm was coming. He’d go a third of the way down the basement steps and just sit there, and up to an hour later, the storm would come, even if had been bright and sunny when he started. He never got it wrong. Not once.

He perfected a hissing, back-arching, fur-popping way of telling me I had failed in my responsibility to control the weather, which he deployed with the first snow of each year. He always forgot what snow was, until he mee-erowed the front door open and stepped into it. He’d let out a “Yeow!” and rush back in, shaking his paws, then run to the back door and demand to be let out there. Surely the awful white stuff wasn’t behind the house, too

With my education complete, Pierre then proceeded to train me in the retrieval of hamburger balls, the ultimate expression of cat dominance.

One time when I brought home a pound of hamburger with my store order, I pinched off a piece for him, put it on the floor and watched him gulp it down without chewing. It became a ritual after that pound of burger for me, a pinch for Pierre. Eventually, I started pulling off several pieces from each new pound, rolling them into balls and putting them in the freezer wrapped in wax paper.

Zoom forward a few months, and we had developed a routine that lasted for Pierre’s 19 years in this world.

He’d find me wherever I was sitting and put his front paws on my knees and stare at me until I got up. Then he would lead me into the kitchen and lean into the refrigerator, his paws stretched up to the freezer. I’d get out a hamburger ball while he raced around the corner to the microwave. He’d sit there until he saw me pop the hamburger in, then run back to the middle of the kitchen right to the spot where he knew I’d place his thawed-out beef.

That’s my story, and I’m sticking to it.

I have now reached the point where I’m supposed to tell you why I decided to write about a cat. Public affairs columnists aren’t supposed to just pluck topics out of the air. We’re supposed to engage the reader’s interest by being relevant, which requires us to find a news peg on which to hang our ramblings.

I don’t have one of those, unless it’s a negative one. I just got sick and tired of COVID-19 – reading about it, thinking about it, arguing about it, writing about it. I was especially weary of all the politicians, TV pundits and other deep thinkers pretending to be smarter about the virus than they really were, the more expert they tried to sound, the more convinced I was that many people are, alas, educated beyond their potential.

So, why not a simple bit of whimsy about a creature who knows what he wants, when he wants it and whom to get it from, who is just exactly as smart as he needs to be and not one whit more?

If that sounds selfish, petty, disrespectful and grouchy, just mark it down to my upbringing. Pierre trained me well.

Parents strive to heal their youngest son’s broken heart

DEAR ABBY: My son, a high school senior, was in a relationship with a young woman who broke up with him and began dating his best friend. He was heartbroken. She played him into being friends and tells him he’s her best friend, but her actions prove otherwise. His father and I comforted him as best we could, but he still has feelings for her. It was a tough breakup for him, and he says he can’t understand why he feels this way for her. We as parents are having a hard time keeping our opinions to ourselves. We are not happy with him still being around her and try to discourage it as much as possible.

We all attend the same church, from which I’ve offered to remove myself, but my son says no. We limit the time he gets to be around her, but she has begun flaunting other dates in front of him, which is making it hard for us to be cordial toward her.

How can I help my boy heal his heart and move on? He’s my youngest, the last one ready to venture out to college, and I want him to have a fresh start for the new journey. — Heavy-Hearted Mom

DEAR MOM: Some lessons in life people must learn for themselves, and this is one of them. As much as you wish to help your son heal his heart, he’s going to have to arrive at the realization that there’s more pain than pleasure associated with the girl who rejected him. That is when he will move on, not before.

College will provide him an opportunity to meet new people and cultivate new interests. Being in a new environment will also help. In the meantime, be patient, refrain from saying anything nasty (as tempting as it might be) about his former girlfriend and keep your son as busy as you can.

DEAR ABBY: I have been married to the same woman for 34 years. We have raised two great kids. The problem is, my wife does not show, respond to or initiate any affection or intimacy. I understand she has been through menopause, but is this the new normal? For me it is a lonely, cold existence. Most nights she won’t even share the same bed with me. She also does not respond well to talking about things. Must I live the rest of my life this way? — Roommate In Virginia

DEAR ROOMMATE: Your problem is less about the lack of affection and intimacy in your marriage and far more about the lack of communication your wife allows you to have with her. If a problem can’t be discussed, there is no way to arrive at a solution or a compromise.

If you haven’t told her how lonely and isolated you feel, start there. What’s happening is not fair to you. This is something that should be discussed with her doctor because there may be a medical solution if sex is painful for her.

However, if it is more complicated than that, recognize that you need more help than I can give you in a letter or a newspaper column, and ask your doctor or insurance company to refer you to a licensed marriage and family therapist for the answers you are seeking. If your wife refuses to go with you, go without her.

TO MY MUSLIM READERS: It is time for the breaking of the Ramadan fast. Happy Eid al-Fitr, everyone. — Abby

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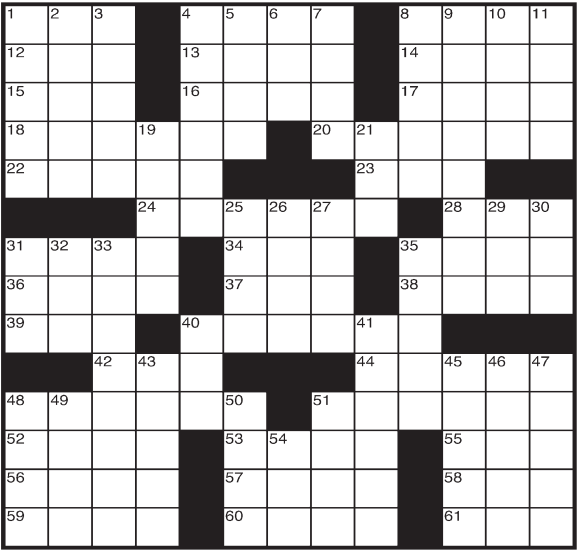
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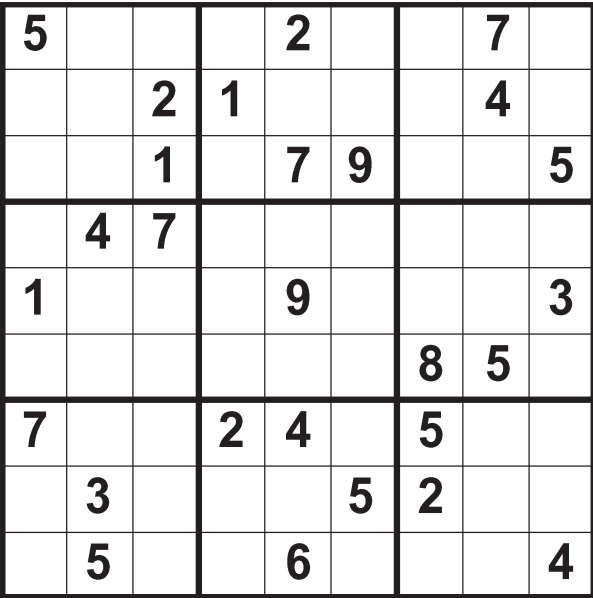
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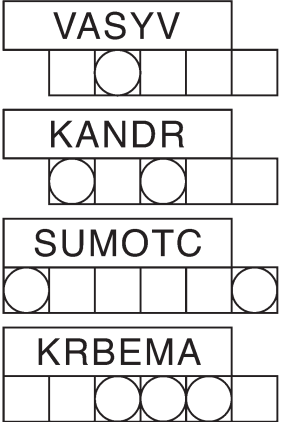
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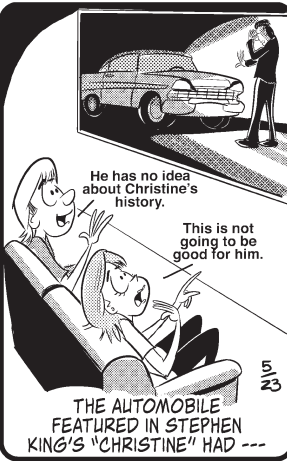
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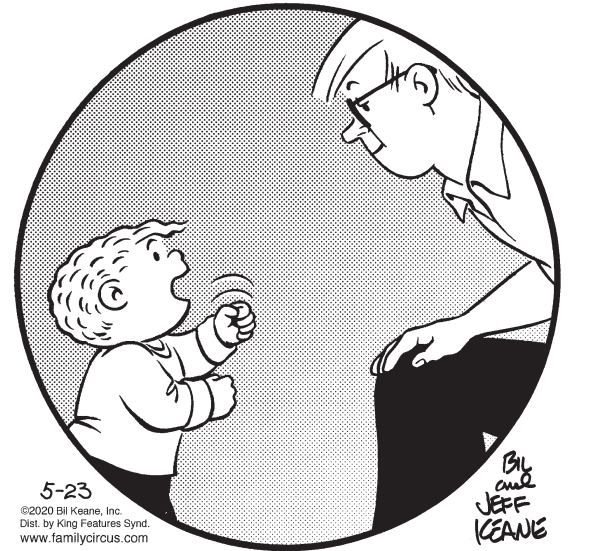
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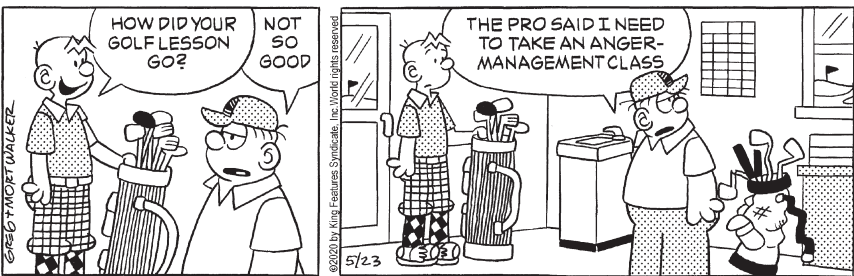
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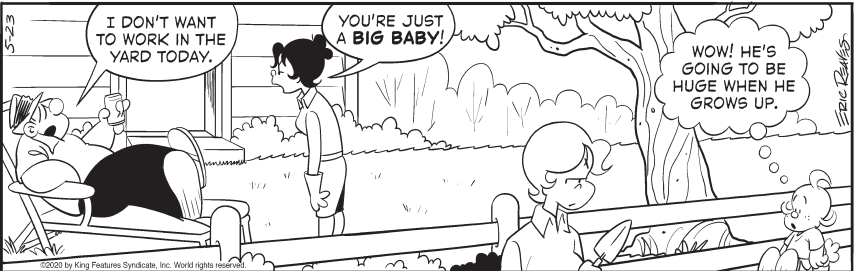
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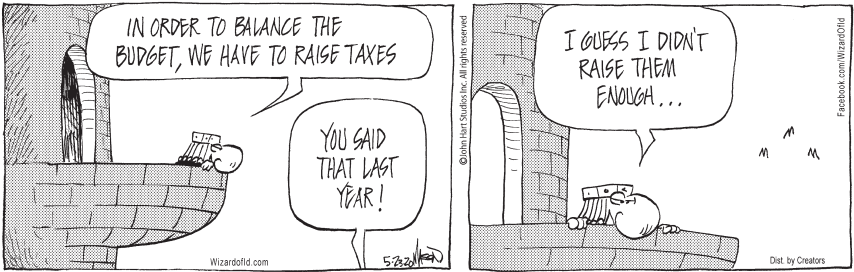
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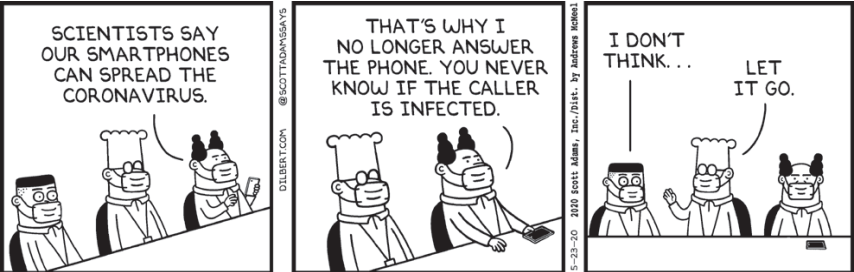
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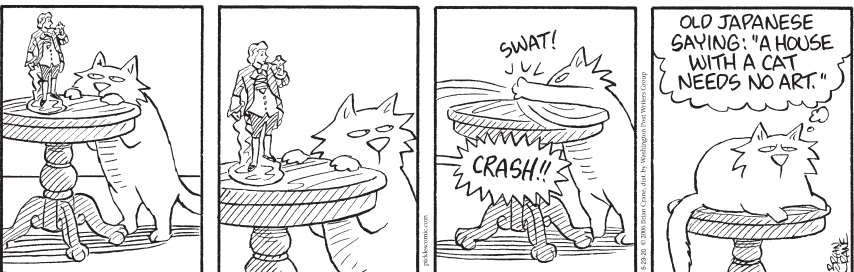
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Belief in a divine power was universal

From the writings of the Rev. Billy Graham

Q: I am learning about the various religions of the world and most of them are very scary to me. It drives me to reject religion altogether. Is being an atheist or agnostic detached from religion? — A.A.

A: Atheists say they do not believe in God at all, while an agnostic is not sure whether God even exists. Skeptics attack the Bible and retreat in confusion; agnostics scoff at its teaching but are unable to produce an intellectually honest refutation. Atheists have denied its validity, but must surrender to its historical accuracy and archaeological verification. A distinguished anthropologist was once asked if he had ever found a tribe or group of people anywhere in

the world that did not believe in God or in some type of higher power. He admitted he had not. Though he claimed to be an atheist, he reluctantly said that belief in a divine power was universal.

We can know beyond a shadow of doubt that God exists, not through religion. God has called out to the world from the cross to enter into a personal relationship with Him. God has not left us to wander around guessing about Him — He has shown Himself to us through His Son Jesus Christ. He came to us in

human flesh. He is the image of the invisible God (Colossians 1:15, 19). This was confirmed when Jesus Christ was raised from the dead by His Father in Heaven.

The privilege is ours to know Him as our Savior. Don’t miss the love of God by rejecting the sacrifice His Son made for us on the cross of Calvary. He has done everything necessary to remove the barriers between God and humanity. Those who believe in His name have been given the right to become the children of God (John 1:12).

CELEBRITY CIPHER

by Luis Campos

Celebrity Cipher cryptograms are created from quotations by famous people, past and present. Each letter in the cipher stands for another.

“EKX TCVE VUWFUJUPSFE AUXPX
CJ SONUPX TG JSEKXD WSNX TX
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— LUXJXD VZEKXDRSFO

Previous Solution: “Practically all the relationships I know are based on a foundation of lies and mutually accepted delusion.” — Kim Cattrall
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COVID-19-related community resources

STAFF REPORT

SCAN receives additional assistance to help families

Stop Child Abuse and Neglect (SCAN) has received additional funds from the Department of Child Services (DCS) to assist families with their basic needs in 16 northern Indiana counties, including Wabash County. SCAN and its Community Partners Local Prevention Dollars Program have announced the launch of the COVID-19 Emergency Support Fund. Nonprofits funding basic needs are invited to apply for SCAN's COVID-19 Response RFP at <https://www.scaninc.org/ncp/rfp/covid19>. Parents and caregivers in need of additional support are encouraged to call SCAN at 800-752-7116 or submit a request at <https://www.scaninc.org/ncp/referral>.

Community Foundation establishes COVID-19 assistance program

Eligible individuals who may apply for assistance grants are individuals who have lost their jobs, income or wages related to COVID-19 business closures and layoffs, and have no other significant source of income; and are still working and need to provide for childcare (ages 0 to 12) due to school and daycare closures, and have

no other significant source of income. Wabash County citizens who meet the above criteria can request applications for assistance by contacting the Community Foundation COVID-19 Assistance Program Partners who serve as applicant sponsors including REACH, WAMA or their respective township trustee. To assist, visit www.cfwabash.org or mail a check to 105 W. Second St., Suite 100, North Manchester, IN 46962, with the COVID-19 Assistance Program in the memo line. For more information, email patty@cfwabash.org or melissa@cfwabash.org or call 260-982-4824. If you are unsure of your township, visit www.stats.indiana.edu/map/tools/townships.asp to view the map of Wabash County. For more information on the Township Trustees, visit the County Departments tab on the Wabash County Government website at <http://wabashcounty.in.gov/cgi.exe>.


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tion or to request special delivery call 260-563-7536. The service is based upon availability. This temporary delivery service is free to adults age 60 and older; normal one-way transit fees apply for 59 and under. Until further notice, the county-wide transit system for all ages is operating for essential travel only which is work, food, pharmacy and pre-scheduled medical within Wabash County. The hours of operation for the system are from 5:45 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday. Those wanting to schedule a ride or delivery should call dispatch from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday by calling 260-563-536 or toll-free at 888-498-4400. The deadline to schedule next day transit rides is 4 p.m. Adults age 60 and older ride Wabash County Transit by donation. Riders age 59 and younger pay \$2 per one way trip in Wabash and North Manchester with rides anywhere else in Wabash County at \$4 per one way trip. Low-income households can apply for the Share the Fare program.

Second Harvest Food Bank seeks volunteers, donations

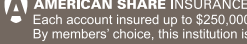
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